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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

KATZMAN, et al.

Examiner: SCHNEIDER, Craig M.

Appl. No.: 10/550,190

Confirmation No. 7379

Filing Date: September 21, 2005

Art Unit: 3753

Title: **GAS PURGE VALVE**

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Commissioner:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

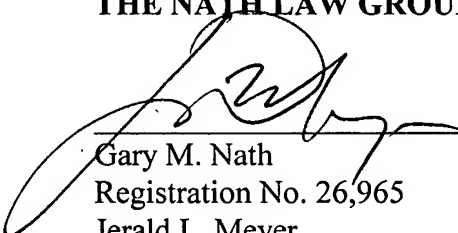
- (1) Transmittal Letter; and
- (2) Response to Election of Species Requirement.

If an Extension of Time under 37 CFR §1.136 is required and has not been separately requested, please consider this Transmittal Letter as including a request for such Extension of Time and as a further authorization to charge any fee for such Extension of Time, as may be required by 37 CFR §1.17, to Deposit Account No. 14-0112. Also, please charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in connection with this matter to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS**

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Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of August 27, 2007. The one month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire September 27, 2007, making this a timely filed response. In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate further extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

In view of the following response, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner continue to conduct a substantive examination on the merits.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 9.